

**CITY OF CLEWISTON**  
**Regular Commission Meeting**  
**March 17, 2014**

The City of Clewiston City Commission held its regular Commission meeting in the City Hall Commission Chambers Monday, March 17, 2014. The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m. by Mayor Phillip Roland. Pastor Hicks gave the invocation and the audience recited the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Commissioners Present:** Mayor Phillip Roland, Commissioner Mali Gardner, Commissioner Kristine Petersen, and Commissioner Julio Rodriguez. Commissioner James Pittman was absent.

**Personnel Present:** City Manager Al Perry, Finance Director Ted Byrd, City Clerk Marilyn McCorvey, Recreation Director Lance Ramer, Community Development Director Travis Reese, Public Works Director Sean Scheffler, Utilities Director Danny Williams, and City Attorney Charles Schoech.

**Visitors Present:** Terry Gardner, Asa & Betty Godsey, John Hicks, Orvell Howard, Christine Howell, Donald Hughes, Lorina Scheffler, and Belinda Smith.

**City Attorney Schoech officially swore in Commissioner Kristine Petersen.**

**ADDITIONS/DELETIONS/CHANGES TO THE AGENDA** – City Manager Perry asked that the Scott Martin Challenge be added as Agenda Item No. 9. The Commission agreed.

**1. Consent Agenda**

- A. *City Commission Workshop Minutes – February 13, 2014*
- B. *City Commission Meeting Minutes – February 17, 2014*
- C. *Proclamation – Donate Life Month*
- D. *Proclamation – April Water Conservation Month*
- E. *Approval of Termination of Interlocal Agreement for Transportation of Veterans*
- F. *Approval of Final Payment to Ridgill & Son for Haiti Drainage Project - \$38,800.00*
- G. *Approval of Final Payment to Weekley Asphalt for 2014 Paving Project - \$18,269.57*

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve the Consent Agenda. Vote 4 years, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent)**

**RESOLUTION**

- 2. Resolution No. 2014-02** – This resolution approves Amendments 5 – 14 to the budget for fiscal year 2013-2014. City Manager Perry read Resolution No. 2014-02 by title.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve Resolution No. 2014-02. Vote 4 years, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent)**

**MISCELLANEOUS ACTION AND DISCUSSION ITEMS**

- 3. Appointment of Luis Vallejo to the CRA Advisory Committee** – Mr. Vallejo has submitted an application to serve on this advisory Committee and meets the necessary requirements to serve.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, to appoint Luis Vallejo to the CRA Advisory Committee. Vote 4 years, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent)**

- 4. Formal Approval of Robbie Rush Professional Services Agreement** - Robbie Rush and the City came to an agreement in November and signed an informal agreement. City Attorney Schoech has written a more formal, legally sufficient agreement for approval. The Commission expressed that they were very pleased with Mr. Rush's performance. Commissioner Petersen stated she felt that the City Manager should perform a contractor's evaluation on Mr. Rush each year.

**Commissioner Rodriguez made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Gardner, to approve the professional Services Agreement with Robbie Rush and authorize the Mayor to sign. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent)**

5. **Approval of Professional Services Agreement – Johnson Engineering, Inc.** –The South Florida Water Management Governing Board adopted the Lower West Coast Water Supply Plan Update on November 15, 2012. Local governments are required to update their Water Supply Facilities Work Plan within 18 months of adoption. The City secured three quotes for this plan update ranging from \$5,125 to \$15,000. Community Development Director Reese has examined the quotes and because of their qualifications and prior work with Hendry County, recommends entering into a Professional Services Agreement with Johnson Engineering, Inc.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Petersen, to approve the Professional Services Agreement with Johnson Engineering, Inc. in an amount not to exceed \$5,125, and authorize City Manager Perry to sign. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent)**

6. **Update on Bid Award for the Lift Station Rebuild Block 385** – Scott Jones of Johnson Prewitt gave an update on this project. Mr. Jones stated after the project was put out to bid, we realized there was a perforated drainage pipe near the project, so that was added to the bid and the bid date extended to March 27.
7. **Update on Pension Plan by Gloria Rosen** - Ms. Rosen stated that she had previously given an update to the Pension Committee. Ms. Rosen summarized the City's position in our pension plan. She stated the City's required contribution to the pension plan this year is \$138,915 in order to be funded. She stated the City budgeted \$360,000 for this purpose and that contribution would shorten the payment period. Ms. Rosen stated the plan is in much better shape today than it was a year ago and the administration charges for the plan have dropped dramatically. Ms. Rosen will continue giving the Commission quarterly updates on the plan.
8. **Departmental Monthly Reports** – Presented by information only.
9. **Scott Martin Challenge** – City Manager Perry stated this item was budgeted at \$17,000, but Mr. Martin is requesting \$20,000. Commissioner Petersen stated a couple of years ago, the City's portion of this project was \$15,000. City Manager Perry stated that the EDC stopped contributing to this effort, so the City picked up the difference. Commissioner Gardner stated the TDC discussed this at length and were going to fund \$10,000 for the Scott Martin Challenge and she feels this program is valuable to the City. Commissioner Gardner stated she would like to see some accountability for the funds and Mayor Roland stated that Mr. Martin can come and give the Commission feedback on the program.

**Commissioner Gardner made a motion, seconded by Commissioner Rodriguez, to approve funding the Scott Martin Challenge in the amount of \$20,000 and that City Manager Perry should discuss a "feedback" report with Mr. Martin. Vote 4 yeas, 0 nays. (Commissioner Pittman was absent)**

**PUBLIC COMMENTS** - At this time, any person will be allowed to speak on any matter that pertains to City business.

**COMMENTS FROM CITY MANAGER** – City Manager Perry stated Commissioner Pittman has asked that we continue to work on the Comp Plan. He stated that he and Community Development Director Reese had met with Jim LaRue and will set up individual meetings with each Commissioner to update them and discuss their ideas and concerns.

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY ATTORNEY** - none

**COMMENTS FROM THE CITY COMMISSION** – Commissioner Rodriguez asked for an update on the juice plant and City Manager Perry stated they are not open yet but he will set up a meeting with them to discuss their plans. Commissioner Gardner stated she received a letter from FGCU and would ask that City Manager Perry work on a resolution in support of them. Mayor Roland stated that he and City Manager Perry met with the ACOE and they will store their materials for the replacement of the C-2 culvert on the dike. He stated he met with ACOE and SFWMD and they agreed not to be on the Lake during the week of the FLW spraying for

lettuce and hyacinths. They also agreed to widen the trails in the Lake. Mayor Roland stated he felt we needed more aerial mosquito sprayings and he would like to see some numbers for additional sprayings before we go into budget mode. Commissioner Gardner reminded the audience about Spring Cleaning on April 5. Public Works Director Scheffler stated the Garden Club will supply hot dogs and buns for participants and a local church has donated gifts for the raffle.

**ADJOURNMENT:** The meeting was adjourned at 6:05 p.m.

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Phillip Roland, Mayor

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Marilyn McCorvey, City Clerk